

HOUSE BILL 1587
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to electronic filing of
lobbyist registrations, disclosures and reports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

Section 3-6-115.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the registry of election
finance shall:

(1) Develop, with the advice, assistance and approval of the office of
information resources, an Internet-based electronic filing process for use by all
lobbyists that are required to register and file reports with the registry of election
finance;

(2) Develop, with the advice, assistance and approval of the office of
information resources, a system that provides each lobbyist with secure access
to the electronic registration and filing system. The system shall provide
safeguards against efforts to tamper or change the data in any way; and

(3) Provide training to lobbyists on the use of the electronic registration
and filing system.

(b) The registry of election finance, once the development of the electronic
registration and filing system is completed and tested, shall provide public notice that the
system is operational and available for registrants and filers to commence use; provided,
that no person shall be required to register or file electronically.

(c) The registry shall provide public access of filed information; provided, that all information entered by any lobbyist into the electronic registration and filing system shall remain confidential until the information is filed with the registry of election finance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.